



Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the United States Down 1 Percent

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 232 million eggs in incubators during the week ending July 25, 2020, down 1 percent from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 82.6 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Broiler-Type Chicks Placed in the United States Down 1 Percent

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 186 million chicks for meat production during the week ending July 25, 2020, down 1 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 4, 2020 through July 25, 2020 for the United States were 5.58 billion. Cumulative placements were down slightly from the same period a year earlier.

Broiler-Type Eggs Set – Selected States and United States: 2020

State	Week ending					
	June 20, 2020	June 27, 2020	July 4, 2020	July 11, 2020	July 18, 2020	July 25, 2020
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	33,092	32,498	32,158	32,748	32,670	33,109
Arkansas	23,025	22,628	22,967	23,736	22,825	23,093
Delaware	4,948	4,838	5,026	5,004	4,825	4,547
Florida	1,198	1,069	1,069	1,162	1,163	1,163
Georgia	34,601	34,514	33,947	34,153	33,895	34,119
Kentucky	7,394	7,756	7,295	7,828	7,838	7,767
Louisiana	3,370	3,219	3,319	3,364	3,211	3,364
Maryland	8,465	8,263	8,040	8,208	8,154	8,518
Mississippi	17,720	17,659	17,463	17,159	17,098	17,522
Missouri	8,642	8,378	8,489	8,362	8,988	9,042
North Carolina	24,269	25,153	24,740	24,170	23,535	24,646
Oklahoma	6,437	6,479	6,444	7,290	6,874	6,863
Pennsylvania	6,524	6,389	6,284	6,510	6,399	6,335
South Carolina	5,831	5,656	5,672	5,835	5,550	5,312
Texas	18,065	17,891	17,370	17,197	17,335	17,045
Virginia	6,396	6,327	6,357	6,322	6,157	5,990
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	13,073	12,559	12,462	12,566	11,758	12,343
Other States	11,603	11,594	11,378	11,396	12,321	10,942
United States	234,653	232,870	230,480	233,010	230,596	231,720
Percent of previous year	101	101	99	100	99	99

Broiler-Type Chicks Placed – Selected States and United States: 2020

State	Week ending					
	June 20, 2020	June 27, 2020	July 4, 2020	July 11, 2020	July 18, 2020	July 25, 2020
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	24,592	24,442	24,336	24,984	24,446	23,536
Arkansas	22,089	20,589	21,167	20,154	21,699	21,026
Delaware	4,700	4,376	5,074	4,768	4,734	4,901
Florida	1,229	1,339	1,319	1,352	1,251	1,260
Georgia	27,739	28,046	27,539	27,212	26,995	26,525
Kentucky	4,674	5,942	6,149	4,559	6,516	5,718
Louisiana	3,090	2,939	3,047	2,787	2,845	2,913
Maryland	5,728	6,075	5,862	5,474	5,054	5,292
Mississippi	14,608	14,830	15,003	15,235	15,161	15,008
Missouri	5,982	5,790	5,922	5,522	5,206	5,639
North Carolina	20,692	20,050	20,864	19,543	19,284	19,712
Oklahoma	3,450	5,061	4,497	5,261	3,347	3,909
Pennsylvania	5,066	5,049	4,483	5,006	4,934	4,829
South Carolina	4,834	4,844	4,831	5,427	5,557	5,041
Texas	14,766	14,949	14,846	15,732	14,808	14,164
Virginia	5,595	5,578	5,562	6,463	6,469	5,832
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	11,678	11,725	11,529	10,721	10,975	12,070
Other States	9,233	9,126	9,187	9,400	9,324	8,933
United States	189,745	190,750	191,217	189,600	188,605	186,308
Percent of previous year	99	100	102	100	102	99

Statistical Methodology

Survey Procedures: Data for broiler hatchery estimates are collected weekly from all broiler-type hatcheries that hatch at least one million chicks a year. Individual NASS regional field offices maintain a list of all known hatcheries and update their lists on a continual basis. All hatcheries that meet the minimum size criteria are given adequate time to respond to the weekly survey. Those that do not respond are contacted by telephone. The weekly United States total for chicks placed includes states receiving greater than 500,000 chicks annually for grow-out.

Estimating Procedures: All data are analyzed for unusual values. Data from each operation are compared to their own past operating profile and to trends from similar operations. Data for missing operations are estimated based on similar operations or historical data. NASS regional field offices prepare these estimates by using a combination of survey indications and historic trends. Individual State estimates are reviewed by the Agricultural Statistics Board for reasonableness.

Revision Policy: Revisions are generally the result of late or corrected data. Revisions made to the previous five-week's data during the current week are published in this report. Final estimates are published in the annual *Hatchery Production Summary* released in April.

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